



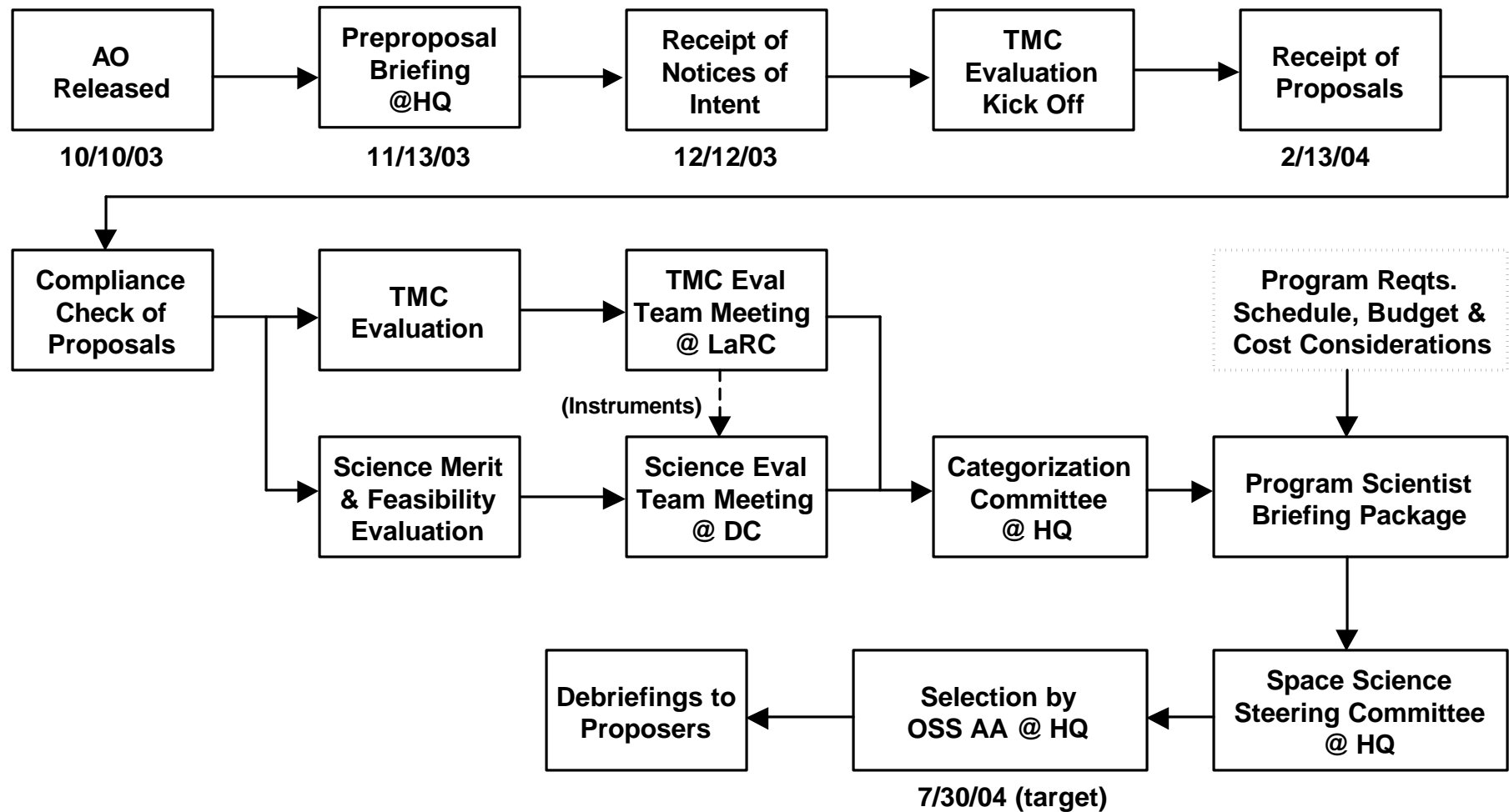
# New Frontiers Preproposal Conference

## AO Evaluation and Selection Process

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# **CATEGORIZATION PROCESS**

## **CATEGORIZATION OF PROPOSALS**

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### DEFINITION OF CATEGORIES per NASA FAR Supplement 1872.

Category I: Well-conceived and scientifically and technically sound investigations pertinent to the goals of the program and the AO's objectives and offered by a competent investigator from an institution capable of supplying the necessary support to ensure that any essential flight hardware or other support can be delivered on time and that data can be properly reduced, analyzed, interpreted, and published in a reasonable time. Investigations in Category I are recommended for acceptance and normally will be displaced only by other Category I investigation(s).

Category II: Well-conceived and scientifically or technically sound investigations which are recommended for acceptance, but at a lower priority than Category 1.



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Category III: Scientifically or technically sound investigations which require further development. Category III investigations may be funded for development and may be reconsidered at a later time for the same or other opportunities.

Note: "Further development" is construed to mean that the technology proposed for completion of the proposed investigation is not yet state-of-the-art. Such technology may be that needed for the proposed experiment hardware itself, or if the AO calls for complete flight mission investigations it may be that required for execution of the mission. Unless specifically stated in the AO, NASA is never obligated to select or fund proposals that are classified as Category III.

Category IV: Proposed investigations which are recommended for rejection for the particular opportunity under consideration, whatever the reason.